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## Executive Committee

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## DEVOAD Member Organizations

DEMA  
FEMA Region III  
Christiana Care Medical Reserve Corps  
American Red Cross  
Salvation Army  
Delaware Dept of Health and Social Services  
Sussex County Office of Emergency Mgmt  
Kent County Office of Emergency Mgmt  
New Castle County OEM  
Delaware Citizen Corps Council  
St. Vincent DePaul Society  
Mercy Medical Airlift  
Mennonite Disaster Services  
Adventist Community Services  
Delaware National Guard  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the UMC  
Delaware Baptist Association  
State Office of Volunteerism  
St. Marks United Methodist Church  
Asbury United Methodist Church

(This is not a complete list. New agencies join frequently.)



## Our Mission

**DEVOAD** is a humanitarian association of independent voluntary organizations who may be active in all phases of disaster. Its mission is to foster efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, while *eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort*, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

**DEVOAD** accomplishes its mission by adhering to the following principles:

**Cooperation**  
**Coordination**  
**Communication**  
**Collaboration**





**Cooperation**—We are partners reliant on each other. No member organization has all the answers for the challenges of disaster response.

**Communication**—We regularly share information about our member organizations including their capacities, accomplishments and commitments. We work to maintain good channels of communication to share information, listen to one another and deal openly with concerns.

This communication includes information about national threats and events such as terrorist activities or the threat of avian flu and how we would respond as a state.

**Coordination**—We are committed to work together, without competition or duplication of services, toward the goal of effective service to disaster victims. We seek to match services to needs. Through careful planning and preparation, we equip our organizations

to work in coordination in times of disaster.

**Collaboration**—We are dedicated to working together to achieve specific goals and to undertake specific projects at disaster sites.

### Other Delaware VOAD Activities

**Education**—The VOAD, in cooperation with the Delaware Citizen Corps and local emergency management offices, offers training to communities to prepare for catastrophic events and form emergency response teams.

**Planning**—We work with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency to plan, train for, and implement response to an emergency in Delaware and the VOAD is an integral part of that plan. Drills are held on a regular basis to keep ourselves in a state of readiness.

## The National VOAD Movement

The National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters movement started quite naturally with the need to serve individuals and families affected by a catastrophic event.

When a disaster occurs, several organizations both large and small, respond to help. In the past, a lack of communication and coordination resulted in duplication of efforts in some areas and no response in others. The NVOAD was organized to address this issue.

## Delaware VOAD

The Delaware VOAD came about in much the same way. In 2003, Tropical Storm Henri and Hurricane Isabel damaged several homes in the state. More than 200 families in Delaware were affected. Organizations and agencies came together to help these families.

Since then, the Delaware VOAD has served in several catastrophic events including:

- Flooding in Seaford
- Flooding in Elsmere
- Flooding in Newark
- An apartment building fire in Wilmington
- A tornado in New Castle County
- Hurricane Katrina relief

If your organization, agency, service group or church includes disaster response as part of its mission, then you should be a part of the Delaware VOAD.